

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 22, line 4 with the following replacement paragraph:

A single valve or a plural number of valves may be used as the discharge valve into the compound recovery zone from the separation device 3. In the case of a plural number of valves, it is possible to add other valve before the valve 5 most closely to the compound recovery zone. Examples of the valve 5 or 9 include a ball valve, a butterfly valve, a rotary valve, a flap damper, a slide damper, a spindle type valve, and the like. In the case of discharge using two valves as illustrated by the valves 5 and 9, for example, by alternately opening and closing the valves 5 and 9, it is possible to intermittently store the cake in an intermediate chamber 16 and discharge it through the valve 5. Also, if desired, the cake may be discharged ~~through~~ through the valve 5 by sealing the intermediate chamber 16 and properly carrying out heating, cooling, pressure rising, pressure reduction, or gas displacement. In an embodiment of continuously discharging the cake, the opening timing of the valve 9 and the opening timing of valve 5 are controlled such that the both do not overlap each other, and the opening time is preferably from 0.5 seconds to 20 seconds, more preferably from 1 second to 15 seconds, and especially preferably from 2 seconds to 10 seconds. Specifically, there are enumerated use of a heat exchanger, gas injection, gas purge, and the like. Also, by further adding valves to increase the number of intermediate chambers to be connected in series and control the timing of opening and closing the valves, it is possible to reduce a pressure difference before and after the respective valves.